



Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 14

Meeting Date: 2-20-07

Meeting Location: Bartholomew Co. DCS Conference Room

Council Members Present: Ruth Alewine, Helen Jackson, Heather Mollo, Dennis Carmichael, Jack Tandy, & Susie Hodnett

Council Members Absent: LaDonna Simpson, Cindy Doyle-Winslow, Michael Williams, Laura Gentry, Mark Lloyd

Others in Attendance: Susie Ross, Preventative Aftercare; Dawn Wilson, Johnson Co. DCS; Linda Elkins, Columbus Behavioral Ctr.; Scott Stewart & Jessica Layman, George Jr.; Karla Davis & Julie Stewart, CPCS; Greg Edie, Whites Family Service

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at: 8:35

1. **First Order of Business Summary of Discussion:** Welcome & Agenda overview.
2. **Second Order of Business Summary of Discussion:** Dr. Toni Laskey Training in Shelby County. Registration @ 8:00 a.m., Training 8:30 to 4:30. Shelby County will be doing pre-registration, so when you receive calls, please give names of persons to be invited. Ruthi passed around to members a registration brochure that was being worked on for the training. Members approved this and Ruthi will give back to person to finalize so that it can be mailed out by next week.
3. **Third Order of Business Summary of Discussion:** Karla Davis of Children's Bureau gave an update on CPCS. She handed out financials. Karla reported that they hired one (1) more liaison. They now have three (3) liaison's including Karla. The new liaison's are in training all week. Karla reported the referrals they are getting are coming from schools mostly. Ruthi commented that the CPS involvement means that they have had a

substantiation of abuse or neglect. Karla had one referral that she is working on engaging family again. Referral has been from homeless family, so liaison will work with where they can meet. Karla discussed using no more than two weeks to engage a family.

- 4. Fourth Order of Business Summary of Discussion:** A handout was given to members of the current final version of the Plan. Ruthi discussed what progress was being made on the Strategic Plan. Shana Bolden, MSW student in practicum, continues to work with Scott Phillips to expand his Jackson County processes to the entire Region. She is working now on a couple of Jennings County cases and has met with Barth County on cases they would like to use. Shana will make an appointment to meet with Heather (Mollo) to get her input and ideas, as well as needs. Ruthi asked that everyone who has an initiative assigned to them start meeting on these so that we can move forward on the Plan. She will get the finalized version turned into Central Office.
- 5. Fifth Order of Business Summary of Discussion:** Update of Practice Reform. Training on Teaming & Engaging will begin for Management and selected Peer Coaches on March 12 to 15 in Scottsburg RTC. The rest of the FCM staff will be trained in April at the Columbus City Hall and in June at the Scottsburg RTC. Training each time will be for four (4) days. There is a one-day training being developed for Attorneys. Ruthi asked that each County work on outreach of their communities. As a result of the new process used with families, the Regions using this are finding there is a decrease in the number of supervised visitations by outside providers—DCS staff is supervising more of these. Judge Mollo asked to be reminded as to what stage in a case these Child and Family Team Meetings would take place. Ruthi stated that they can take place during the investigation, but mostly CHINS. She also commented that there will be families that these meetings will not work for, but will be useful in a lot of situations.
- 6. Sixth Order of Business Summary of Discussion:** Other business from members. Helen reminded that Family Services had asked to be able to change the focus of some of their CWS funds—they want to be able to use 25% of their allocated funds to serve children/families that are in schools other than the one for whom their current MOU covers. During discussion it was decided that this request will go back to the committee of people in Bartholomew County who reviewed all the Raps for the CWS funds, and they will bring a recommendation to the next RSC.

Next Meeting Date, Location and Time:

March 20, 2007

April 17, 2007 RSC canceled, due to April 18, 2007 Dr. Toni Laskey Training in Shelby County 8:00-4:30

May 15, 2007

June 19, 2007

Bartholomew County DCS Conference room, 8:30 – 10:00

Meeting Adjourned at: 9:17 a.m.